

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Our freedom and our democracy are threatened by Sinclair's actions to deceive the American public for their own ultimate gain. It reeks of dictatorial government tactics and I am ashamed of their actions. It must be stopped. We, the American people, deserve better than that and it is up to you, the F.C.C. to preserve those freedoms for us.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.